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For: SOUND SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CAPTURING AND REPRODUCING
SOUNDS ORIGINATING FORM A PLURALITY OF SOUND SOURCES

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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 2

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 1997 (Paper No. 2), please reconsider the above identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Prior to addressing the merits of the Office Action, the applicant and undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiners Isen and Mei for the courtesies extended during the personal interview on May 16, 1997. During the interview, the applicant pointed out that the Short reference relied on in the rejection of the claims was not particularly pertinent. For example, Short uses a spatial separation technique of the type disclosed in the background of the present application. The Examiners seemed to agree that Short was not particularly relevant and that a new search would be conducted.